

Notes from the QRAA Events Planning Meeting
Saturday 7th November, 2020

Present and apologies: As per attendance book.

Chairman of Events Committee: Kelvin welcomed all present and invited attendees to offer suggestions re events they would like to see on the 2021 calendar.

Usual Events:

Christmas Party: 28th November on the Taxiway outside Danny and Lyn's hangar (or inside if the weather is no good).

- Working bee Saturday morning at 8am.
- Start at 5.00pm with pre-dinner nibbles and drinks.
- Bookings required so we have firm numbers for caterer.
- Same caterer as last year.
- Phil to invite Ron and Kath Bellingham and John and Gwen Tyburczy.
- Entertainment – Rag Tag band. Lyn has this organized.
- All people attending must register on the QRAA website for catering purposes.

Tours: Usually held twice a year. Because of suitable weather conditions, around March we head south and August north.

John Reid asked if it would be sensible to do one or two smaller trips before a larger tour. We could go west perhaps.

Jumpers & Jazz Fly-in Breakfast: Towards the end of July. We should go ahead with this in 2021 and hold it on the same day that the car show is on in the main street. Dates to be confirmed when available.

General Meetings: How often, do we need to hold more or less? After discussion it was decided to hold two per year. This is extra to the Events Planning meeting and our Annual General Meeting.

Wings Over Warwick: After discussion on whether to hold this event, it was decided to amalgamate it with Jumpers and Jazz to take the form of a fly-in breakfast. To be open to the public. Consideration to be given to adding it to the Official Program when it's being compiled.

Suggestions for Events:

Weekend Events: We need to follow up on invitations by other aero clubs such as Roma for a few one and two day trips throughout the year.

2021 Events Suggestions:

- Tour to Horne Island (postponed from 2020 due to Covid). Graham and Doug to follow up with planned route etc. Plan would be to go July/August 2021. Go up one way and home another if possible.
Some suggestions for the tour include landing at Mareeba and hiring a bus for a day trip to the Daintree.
Allan Carlisle suggested a visit to Coconut Island for lunch one day (from Seicia near Bamaga).
Land on Horne Island and go by boat to Thursday Island.
Phil to talk to Rod Stiff and see if he has suggestions for places to visit in north Queensland (eg Paronella Park)
- Ray Allen suggested Surat as a good option for a weekend. Strip is in town and accommodation good. From Surat we could fly via Mitchell, Quilpie, Eromanga and return to home.

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- Evans Head – Reids to re-introduce the poker run they had organized for 2020. This includes landings at Casino, Lismore, and Ballina and an overnight stop in Evans Head.
- Caloundra – overnight including a visit to their Air Museum.
- Trip to Armidale. Wal could follow this up.
- Committee to set dates for General and Committee meetings throughout the year.

2021 Short trips:

- Koralbyn – suggested, but strip closed.
- Straddie Breakfast – 3rd Saturday every month. Keep an eye on Pilots and Partners to check if it is on.
- Cherrabah – One day lunch trip.
- Watts Bridge – Watts for Brekky monthly – dates to be added to website.
- Gourmet in Gundy, usually September, fly in breakfast.
- Inglewood – day trip including a visit to the tobacco museum and lunch at the pub.
- Cooloola Cove – day trip.
- Jacob's Well (Heckfield) for morning tea and then coastal to Caboolture for lunch – still an option from 2020.
- Palmers Island – still an option from 2020.

Other suggestions:

Events committee to look up east coast events and see what is on and when in Queensland and New South Wales as the information becomes available and depending on Covid restrictions and border closures.

These festivals / events can be considered and added to the QRAA Events Calendar on a monthly basis.

Some events we could consider or include in a trip/tour.

- Cunnamulla Fella Festival (27-29 Aug).
- Chinchilla Melon Festival (18-21 Feb)
- Millmerran Camp Oven Festival (1-3 Oct)
- Glen Innes Celtic Festival (28 April/2 May)
- Moree Cotton Gin tour (date tba)

2022 Events Suggestions:

- **Southern Tour:** Head south to the eastern side of the Great Australian Bite and follow the coast around (heading east) where possible to home.

General Comments:

Once events are organized, and routes decided, accommodation at various stop over places will be tentatively held so people travelling can book their own accommodation. These arrangements are usually done well in advance to ensure accommodation is available.

Meeting Closed at 10.51am

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Chairman, Events Committee, Kelvin Hutchinson:

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QRAA Events - Tentative Calendar for 2021

January	Committee Meeting
February	Chinchilla Melon Festival
March	
April	Glen Innes Celtic Festival (late April)
May	Glen Innes Celtic Festival (cont early May)
June	
July	Wings Over Warwick Jumpers & Jazz fly in brekky
August	Northern Tour to Horne Island Cunnamulla Fella Festival Annual Meeting
September	Gourmet in Gundy
October	Millmerran Camp Oven Festival
November	Events Planning Meeting 2022 Christmas Party
December	Christmas Day!